

Preliminary Amendment  
Divisional Appln of USAN 09/169,577

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add new claim 30 as follows:

*Sub B17*  
30. A method of stabilizing a short-pulse fiber laser, comprising:

isolating said fiber laser from an external environment by wrapping said fiber laser onto a fiber spool; and  
operating the fiber laser while said fiber laser remains wrapped on said fiber spool.